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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification, as shown above, to correct grammatical errors and to place the specification in better form. This amendment to the specification does not add any new matter. In view of the amendment and remark set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application has now been placed in condition for allowance.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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